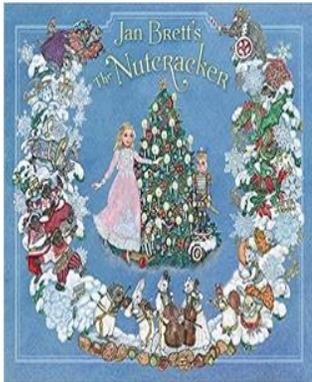


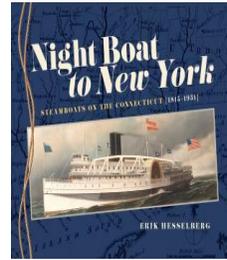
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***The Nutcracker, by Jan Brett***

An exquisitely illustrated children's book by the very talented Jan Brett, is a true holiday treasure! Her mission was to transport readers to the magical sights and sounds of classic Nutcracker Suite. This timeless ballet is brought to life in this tremendously beautiful book.

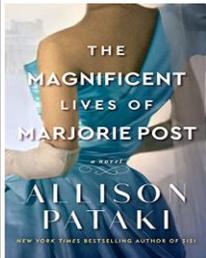
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***Night Boat to New York: Steamboats on the Connecticut (1815-1931) by Erik Hesselberg***

Is an extensive portrait of the vanished Steamboat days – when a procession of stately sidewheelers traveled regularly between Hartford and New York. Some 60 large steamships were in service on the Connecticut River during this amazing time bringing both people and goods to New York, and this is

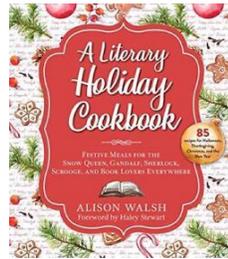
captured through many colorful images and stories. Griswold Inn's owner Geoffrey Paul, among others, is acknowledged for his contributions to this volume of historical information through both his extensive maritime art collection, and prodigious knowledge of Connecticut River shipping and steamboats. ~ Christine



***The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post, by Allison Pataki***

What a wonderful piece of historical fiction! Marjorie Post, the heir to the C.W. Post cereal company, lived a truly life magnificent – she was a mother, wife, businesswoman, and philanthropist. From sitting on the board of General Foods, to her marriage to a U.S. ambassador to Russia, and everything in between. I found her life utterly fascinating as she gracefully, and intelligently, navigated an epic life.

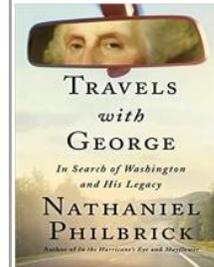
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***A Literary Holiday Cookbook, by Alison Walsh***

Explore the literary inspired dishes that will bring to life classic and beloved stories right in your own kitchen. A quote accompanies each recipe from “A Dickenson Chistmastide” starting with applesauce, to the “Holiday on the Homestead” menu inspired by the Little House Books. Feast on seasonal menus throughout the year, including Winnie the Pooh's Honey Lemon Cookies. This cookbook will encourage you to read the classic featured titles.

~ Karen



***Travels with George, by Nathaniel Philbrick***

Follow Washington's excursions from Mount Vernon to the new capitol in New York, in a month long tour of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode

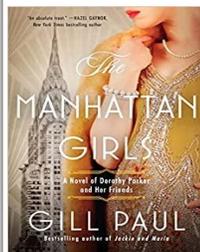
Island and the Carolinas with award-winning author Nathaniel Philbrick. Written at a time when our Founding Fathers are under increased scrutiny, Philbrick takes a tour of Washington's America 299 years later to answer the question, “Does Washington still matter?” ~ Christine



***Countdown to Christmas, by Caroline McKenzie***

What better way to get in the spirit of the holidays than by watching a Hallmark Christmas movie!

This commemorative book features favorite actors and actresses from many of the movies, alongside fun holiday recipes and decorating ideas. There is even a small photo of the Griswold Inn on page 29, from the time Essex was featured in the Hallmark movie, “Christmas at Pemberly Manor”! ~ Christine



***The Manhattan Girls, by Gill Paul***

Dorothy Parker, renowned wit and member of the Algonquin Round Table, along with four friends all either literary legends (Jane Grant) or Broadway actresses (Winifred Lenihan), take us on an amazing trip through 1920s New York! This engrossing work of historical fiction was such a great read - full of romance, friendship, careers and alcohol. I really got to know these influential women, and had a front row seat to Manhattan's Jazz Age. ~ Christine



***The Forest of Vanishing Stars, by Kirsten Harmel***

Yona was born from a wealthy German family and stolen as a child at the age of just two to be raised in the wilderness. In 1942 she finds herself alone, and searching for purpose, she comes across a group of Jewish refugees fleeing the ghettos and struggling to survive. Yona finds herself on a journey of teaching survival and finds herself saved in the process. It is equally heartbreaking as it is heartwarming; hard to put down, yet sad when it's over. ~ Jackie